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Serial No. 09/881,404  
Filed: June 14, 2001  
Applicant: Hu et al.  
Art Unit: 2614  
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Fengduo Hu, et al.  
Application No.: 09/881,404  
Filed: June 14, 2001  
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Digital Audio and Video Signals**  
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. ☐ Small Entity status for this application has been  
previously requested and is still proper.  
☐ Small Entity status is requested.  
☒ Other Than a Small Entity.
3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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**CALCULATION OF FEES**

Fee:	Number of Claims After Amendment:		Previously Paid For:	No. Extra:	At Rate:	Amount:
Total Claims	47	minus	50	0	\$50	\$0.00
Independent Claims	5	minus	4	1	\$200	\$200.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					\$360	\$0.00
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIMS:						\$200.00

\_\_\_ No additional fee for claims is required.

4. \_\_\_ Attached is a check in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_.  
     X Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-3000 in the amount of \$200.00.  
     A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

5. X The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply.

Complete (a) or (b) as applicable.

- (a) \_\_\_ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

	<u>Ext. Mos.</u>	<u>Large entity</u>	<u>Small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$1,020.00	\$ 510.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	four months	\$1,590.00	\$ 795.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	five months	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

\_\_\_ An extension for \_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

\_\_\_ Extension fee due with this request \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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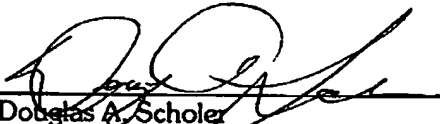
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(b) X Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

6. X If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Acct. No. 23-3000.

  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

This Amendment responds to an Office Action dated January 4, 2005. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 16 of this paper.